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# Modeling the photosynthetic processes in the ORCHIDEE model and ways of improvement

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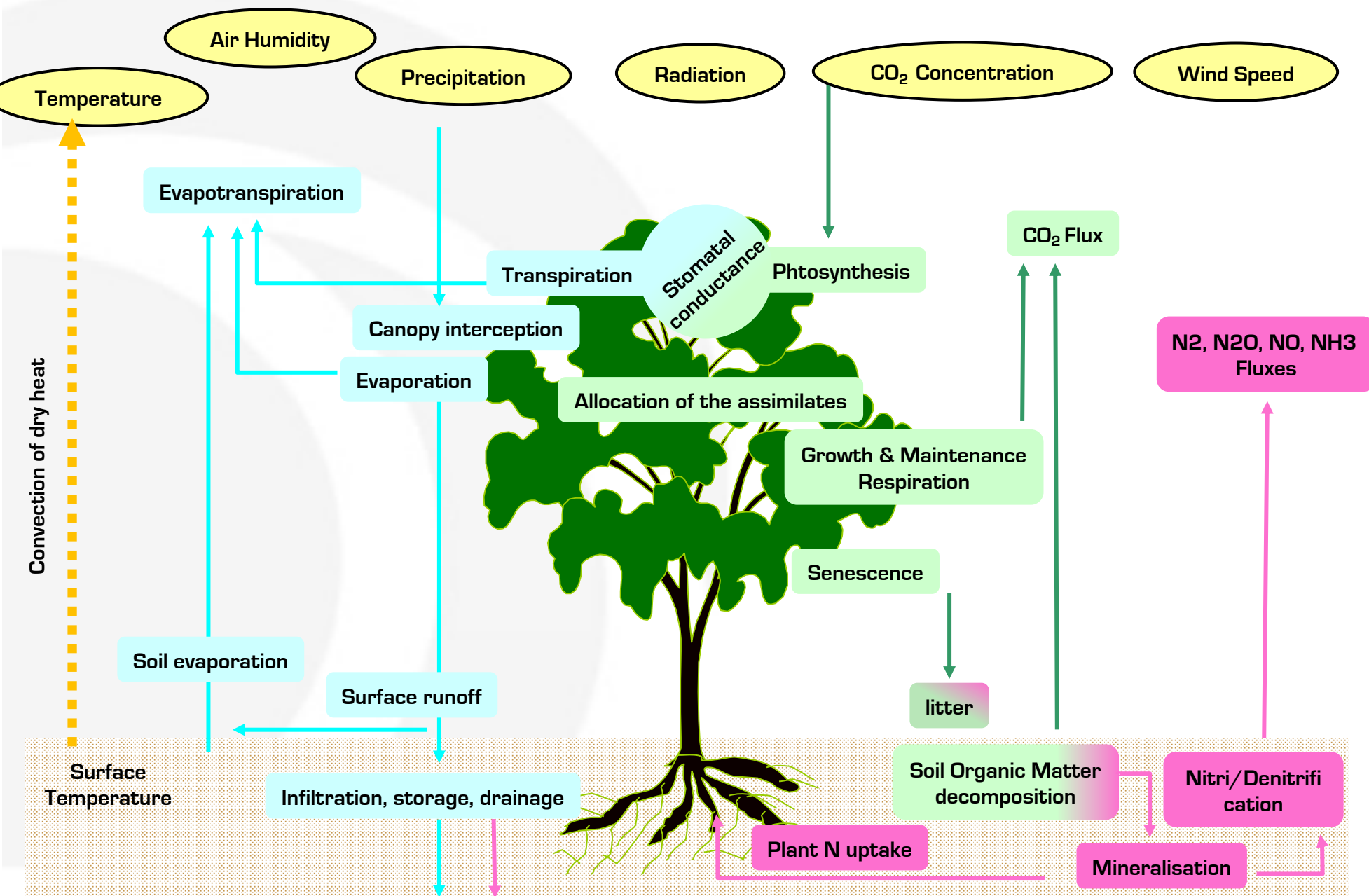
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ORCHIDEE  
LAND SURFACE MODEL

# Coupling energy, water and carbon cycles



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# CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation by photosynthesis

- The Farquhar, von Caemmerer and Berry model (FvCB)

- A<sub>c</sub>, the Rubisco-limited rate of CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation

$$A_c = \frac{(C_i - \Gamma_*) V_{C \max}}{C_i + K_{mC}(1 + O/K_{mO})} - R_d$$

Maximum rate of Rubisco activity-limited carboxylation ( $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

- A<sub>j</sub>, the e- transport-limited rate of CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation

$$A_j = \frac{(C_i - \Gamma_*) J}{4C_i + 8\Gamma_*} - R_d$$

Rate of e- transport ( $\mu\text{mol e- m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

$f = (\text{irradiance}, \dots, J_{\max})$

Maximum value at saturated light

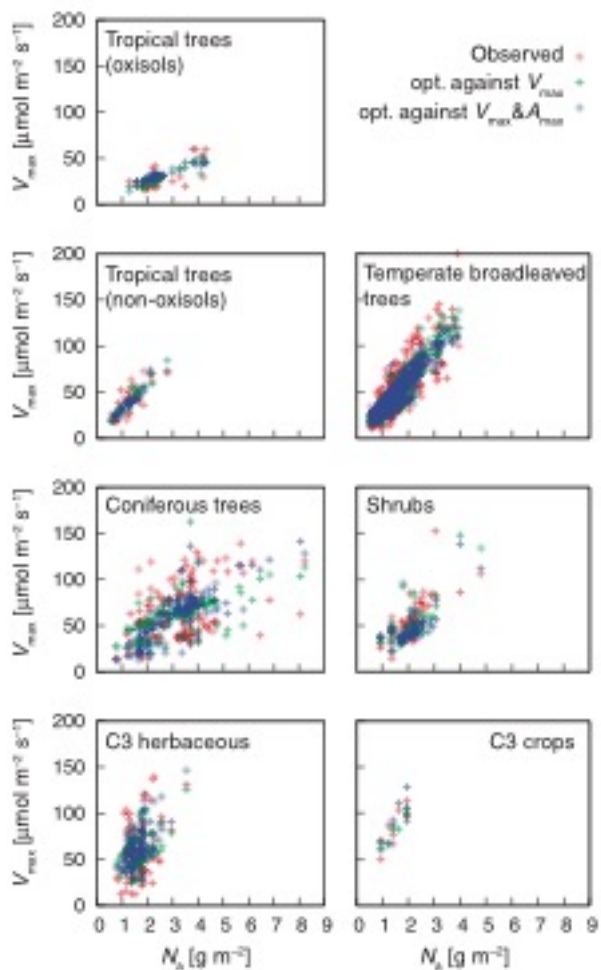


# Parametrization and co-dependancy of $V_{Cmax}$ and $J_{max}$

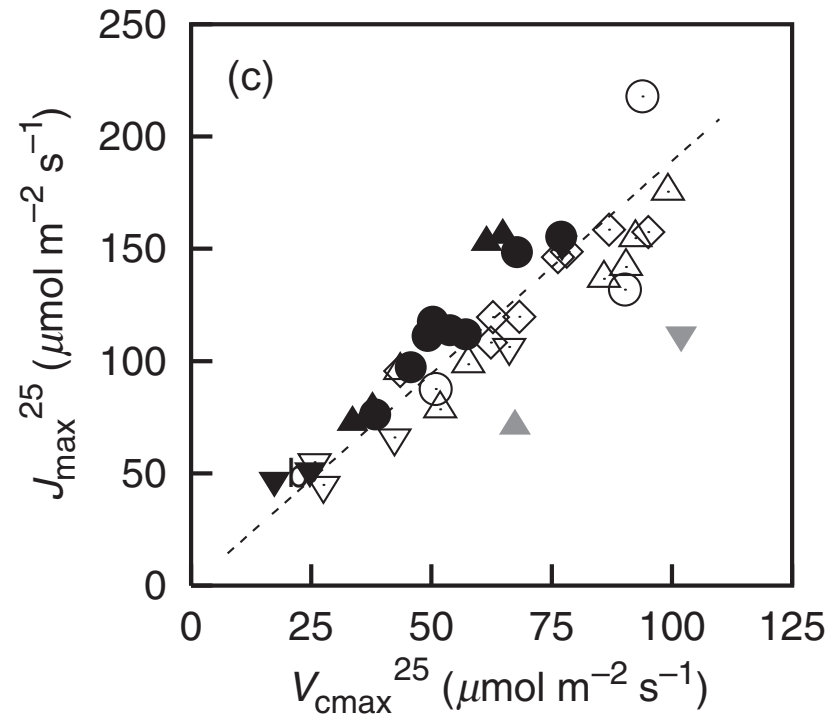
- $V_{Cmax,25} = NUE \times N_L$   
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- $J_{max,25} = r_{J,V} V_{Cmax,25}$   
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$V_{Cmax}$  vs. Leaf N content



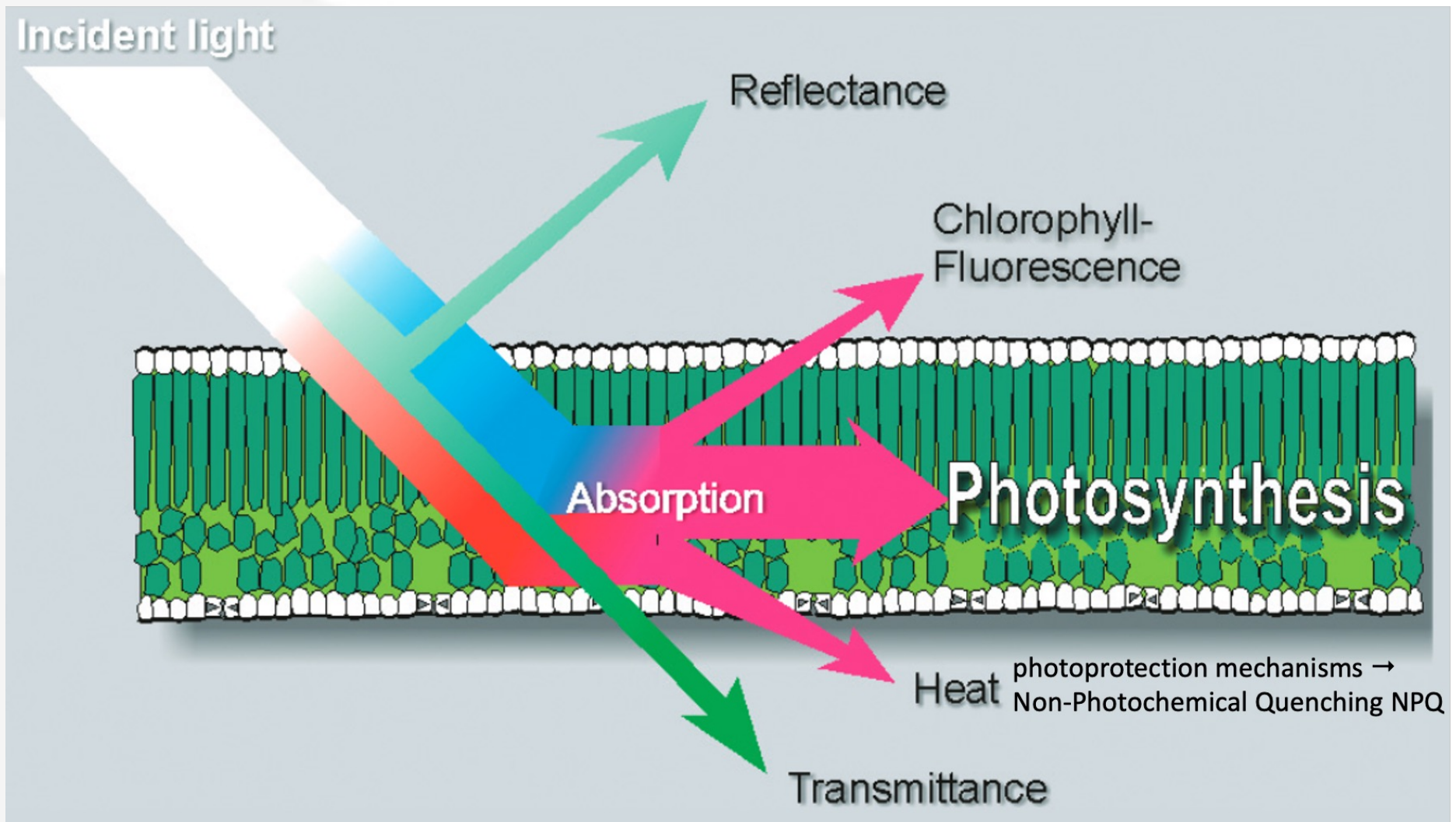
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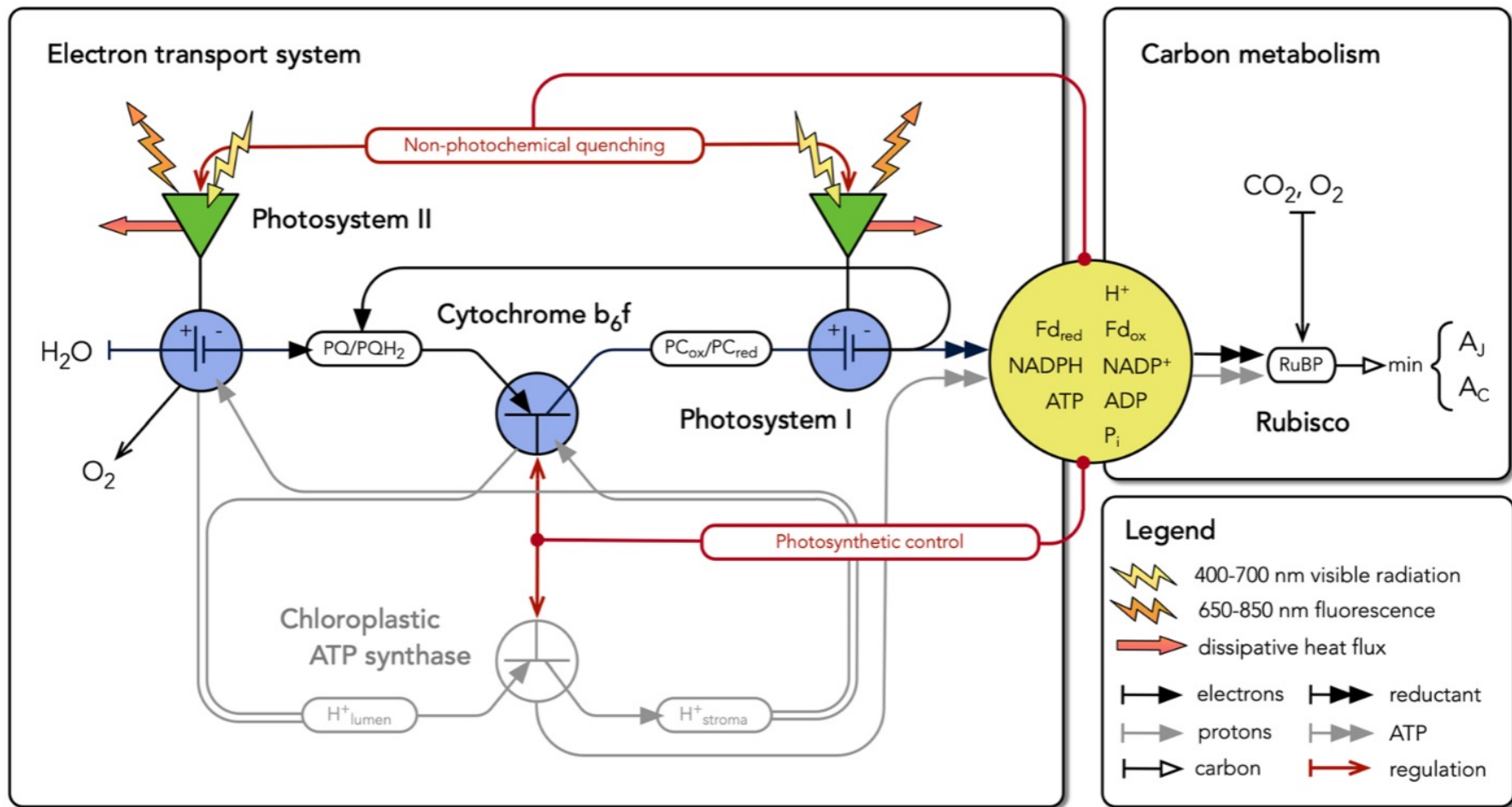


# Link between photosynthesis and fluorescence



# An extended model of the fate of absorbed light

- Extends the Farquhar model to include a mechanistic description of the electron transport system.
- First implementation done in ORCHIDEE

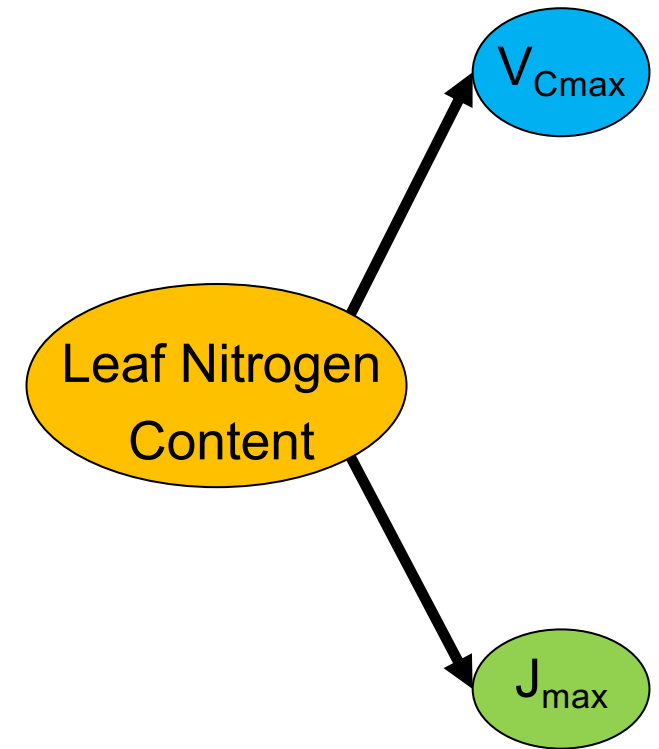


Johnson & Berry, 2021



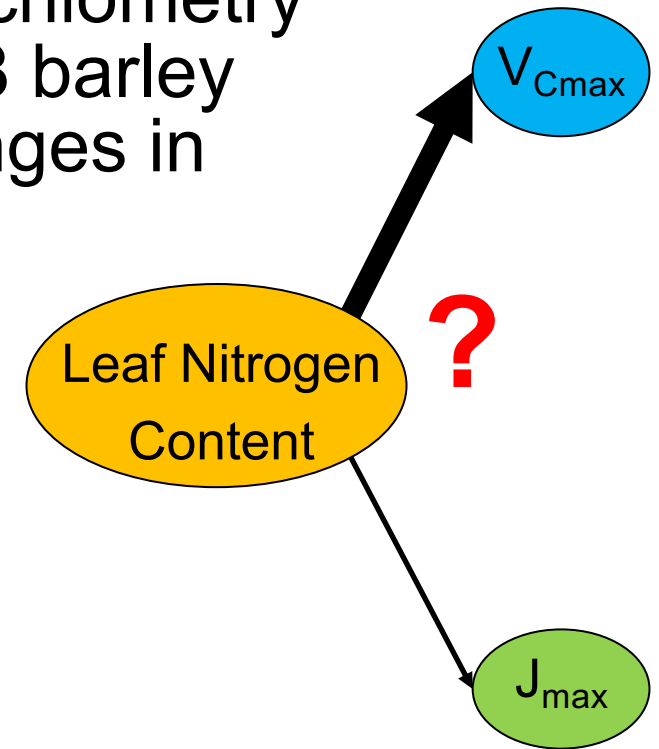


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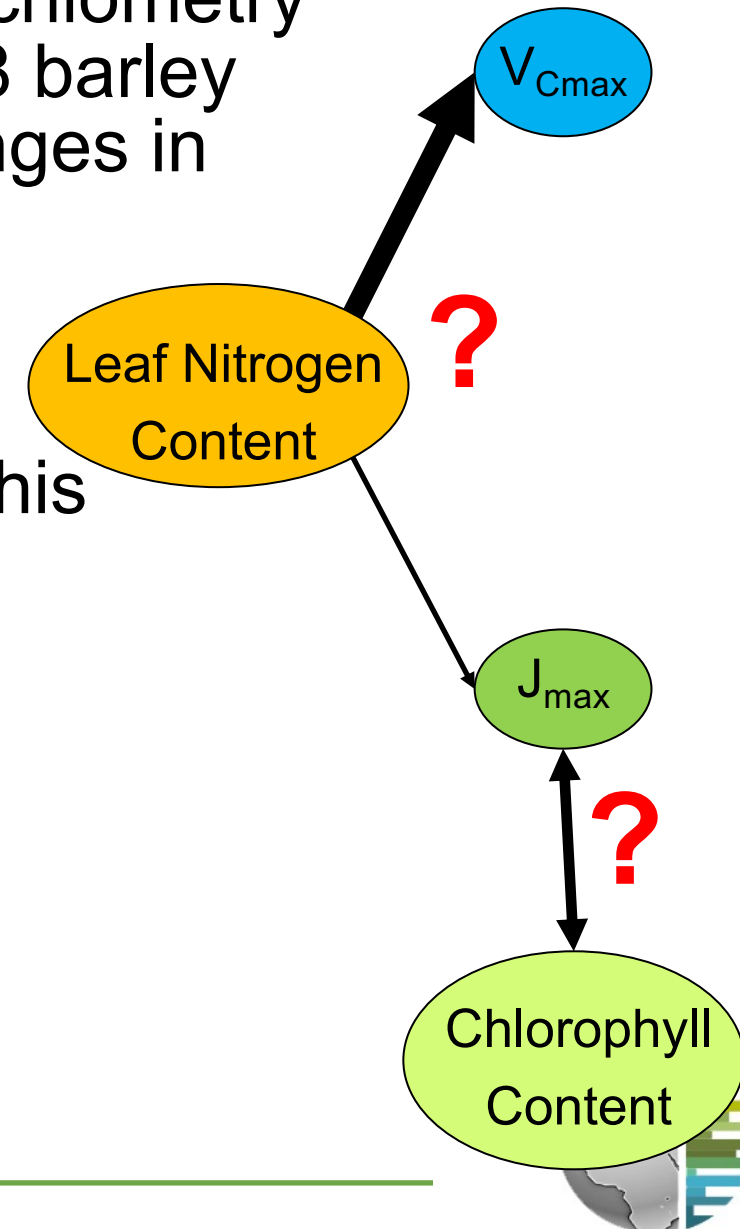
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- Can we simulate the observed Chl fluorescence at field scale and how this information may help to better constrain the FvCB photosynthetic and fluorescence model ?

